

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A damping device, ~~in particular for cable-stayed bridges,~~ comprising a differential cylinder, a tank, ~~two~~ first and second hydraulic units, a hydraulic accumulator, and an electric motor associated ~~to~~ with the hydraulic units, ~~characterized in that a~~ wherein the first hydraulic unit is arranged in the pressure medium flow path between the tank and a piston rod-side ring chamber and the second hydraulic unit is arranged in the pressure medium flow path between the ring chamber and a cylinder chamber.

15. (Currently Amended) The damping device in accordance with claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the hydraulic units each have a variable displacement volume.

16. (Currently Amended) The damping device in accordance with claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the electric motor drives the hydraulic units.

17. (Currently Amended) The damping device in accordance with claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a pressure transducer for measuring a pressure prevailing in the ring chamber and/or in the cylinder chamber is provided for adjusting the pivoting angles or displacement volumes of the hydraulic units.

18. (Currently Amended) The damping device in accordance with claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein in the cylinder chamber and/or in the range of the hydraulic accumulator a pressure transducer is provided for measuring an accumulator pressure and the accumulator charge of the hydraulic accumulator and for adaptation to the static load.

19. (Currently Amended) The damping device in accordance with claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the electric motor is adapted to be driven through the intermediary of at least one of the hydraulic units and thus may be utilized as a generator.

20. (Currently Amended) The damping device in accordance with claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~wherein in the quasi-static condition a pressure approximately twice as high as in the ring chamber prevails in the cylinder chamber.

21. (Currently Amended) The damping device in accordance with claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the piston of the differential cylinder is fixedly mounted, and the cylinder jacket of the differential cylinder is guided in an axially displaceable manner.

22. (Currently Amended) The damping device in accordance with claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the cylinder jacket of the differential cylinder is fixedly mounted, and the piston of the differential cylinder is guided in an axially displaceable manner.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) The damping device in accordance with claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the ring chamber is sealed against the external environment and/or against the cylinder chamber through the intermediary of a gap seal.

25. (Currently Amended) The damping device in accordance with claim 24, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the gap seal is formed by an annular gap between piston-side surfaces and cylinder jacket-side surfaces.

26. (Currently Amended) The damping device in accordance with claim 25, ~~characterized in that~~wherein beyond a leakage port, the annular gap is sealed against the external environment through the intermediary of at least one sealing member.

27. (New) A cable-stayed bridge comprising the damping device in accordance with claim 14.